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To whom it May Concern: 1928 '99 APR 30 AIO:OU

I am writing to express my concerns over the possible removal of current labeling requirements for irradiated food.

As I am sure you are aware, the FDA currently requires that all retail packages containing irradiated food have a prominently displayed Radura symbol and an accompanying statement, such as "treated by irradiation."

The FDA has asked whether or not these labels should be less conspicuously displayed and use alternative terminology. Questions have been raised about whether or not to discontinue labeling altogether at some unspecified point in the future.

I am writing to urge you to continue to require that irradiation labels be prominently displayed and use the current terminology.

Without these labels, consumers have no way of knowing whether or not their food has been irradiated. As there are several health risks believed to be caused from the consumption of irradiated food, it is imperative that consumers have a choice of whether or not to eat irradiated food. Without irradiation labels, consumers will not have this choice.

Please continue to support consumers' rights to know. Thank you for your time.

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